January 28th, 1915

Dr. F. C. Southworth,

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Dear Sir:

I am informed that there is a probability of there being a vacancy in your college in the Department of Semitics, and that Dr. Immanuel Benzinger is likely to apply for the position. Dr. Benzinger came to us two years ago as Associate-Professor of Oriental Languages, and on the retirement of Dr. J. F. McCurdy from the headship of the department last June Dr. Benzinger was appointed full professor. He had made an excellent impression and had won the respect of his colleagues and the high regard of his students. To our great regret, however, owing to the strong feeling aroused in this city against the continuance of non-naturalised Germans in their positions during the war, Dr. Benzinger of his own accord resigned his chair. We had absolutely nothing against Dr. Benzinger, and feel that we have suffered a distinct loss through his resignation. He is a scholar of the first rank, as you are aware, is an excellent teacher, and is most agreeable with his colleagues on the staff. I believe that any institution that secures his services will be extremely fortunate.

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.